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**Florida House Passes Legislation
to Improve Health Care
Choice, Access, and Affordability**

Tallahassee, FL- The Florida House of Representatives today passed a series of bills to strengthen Florida's healthcare system and increase access, choice, and affordability for all Floridians through free market solutions.

The House passed several bills, including: CS/CS/HB 37, which restores the patient-physician relationship while increasing cost savings through the use of Direct Primary Care; HB 85, which extends the length of time a patient may stay in a recovery care center; HB 423, which allows Advanced Nurse Practitioners and Physicians Assistants to prescribe certain medications; HB 1061, which removes barriers to bringing nurses into the state to alleviate the current nursing shortage; CS/CS/HB 1175, which increases healthcare transparency for consumers; and CS/CS/HB 7087, which encourages the use of telehealth has a way to increase delivery of health care while reducing costs.

"Florida's healthcare system faces a critical problem in the form of out-of-control and unjustifiable costs and the need for greater access to care for the uninsured," said House Speaker Steve Crisafulli (R-Merritt Island). "Our free-market approach prioritizes patient choice, competition, and flexibility to reign in those costs and expand access to quality health care for Florida's hard working families."

"The House is focused on providing commonsense reforms based on free-market principals to reduce costs and improve access to health care," said Health Care Appropriations Chair Matt Hudson (R-Naples). The best long-term solution for health care in Florida is to eliminate unnecessary regulations and attack cost drivers, while maintaining a strong safety net for those truly in need."

"The health care bills passed by the House today propose innovative ways to increase access, reduce costs, and improve the quality of health care in our state, to ensure Floridians can get the care they need," said House Health and Human Services Committee Chair Jason Brodeur (R-Sanford).

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